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SCIENTIFIC NEWS.

The Danish government has decided upon a deep-sea exploration of the waters of Greenland and Iceland. The work will be carried on during 1895 and 1896. A botanist will accompany the expedition.

The American Museum of Natural History has organized an expedition, under the direction of Professor Rudolph Weber, to make collections and a scientific exploration of the Island of Sumatra.

An expedition has been organized in Australia for a scientific exploration of the mountains of Macdonnell near the centre of the continent. The party will be equipped and directed by Mr. W. Astin Horn, a wealthy colonist. The scientific corps is strong and numbers among its members Mr. Winnecke, geographer; Mr. E. C. Strisling, naturalist; Professors R. Tate and Baldwin Spencer, paleontologists; Mr. J. A. Watt, mineralogist.

The American Association for the Advancement of Science has again subscribed \$100 for a table at the Marine Biological Laboratory at Woods Holl. Last year it did the same, but, we learn, some of those who should have been consulted concerning its disposition were left in absolute ignorance of any award. This year the table has certain conditions attached, which it is hoped will settle the question of responsibility. These conditions are:

1. That the table shall be known as the American Association for the Advancement of Science table.
2. That the table shall be awarded by a committee of five, consisting of the vice-president and secretary-elect of each of the two sections (F and G), and the director of the Marine Biological Laboratory (at present, Dr. C. O. Whitman).
3. That any member or fellow of the Association may apply for the table (an applicant for membership to the Association will be considered as a member and is therefore eligible).
4. Applications for the table are to be made to the permanent secretary of the Association (F. W. Putnam, Cambridge, Mass.), who will forward them to the chairman of the committee of award, the chairman being the senior vice-president of sections F and G, seniority being determined by continuous membership.

5. Holders of the Association's table will be expected to give due credit in published results of investigations carried on at the Association's table.

The death of the venerable D. C. Danielssen of Bergen, Norway, on July 13th, removes one of the ablest of the Scandinavian systematists. Most of his zoological work was done on the marine Invertebrates and was of an exceedingly careful character. He was besides a physician in regular practice, was the chief of the Leprosy Hospital at Bergen, and since 1864 has been the president of the Bergen Museum. He was born in 1815.

Gustave Honoré Cotteau, the well known paleontologist is dead, aged seventy-six. His principal work was done in the Echinodermata, of which subject he was the leading student in France.

Two of the American Arctic exploring expeditions have come to grief. The vessel of the Chicago newspaper enterprise under Wellman was crushed in the ice and some of the party returned to the Spitzbergen islands, while the leader with others was picked up and landed at Tromsø, Norway. The Cook expedition which consisted mostly of scientific men, went in an iron vessel in opposition to the advice of experienced arctic navigators. In her first contact with the ice a hole thirty feet long was torn in her side. She subsequently ran on a rock near to Sukkertappen and subsequently sank. The passengers were brought to Labrador by a passing vessel, but lost all their property.

The Salt Lake Literary and Scientific Association, a body incorporated for scientific pursuits, with headquarters at Salt Lake City, Utah, has recently endowed a chair of Geology in the University of Utah. The endowment is made in the handsome sum of \$60,000, the proceeds of which are to be used in the support of the professorship. The chair has been named the "Deseret Professorship of Geology," and Dr. James E. Talmage has been appointed to the position. The rich collections of the Deseret Museum, belonging to the Salt Lake Literary and Scientific Association, have been placed at the disposal of the growing University of Utah. Such a movement is commendable. Utah is a rich field for the geologist, and any substantial encouragement of the science there is an effort wisely directed.

Dr. Chas. L. Edwards, lately of the University of Texas has been elected Professor of Biology in the University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio.

 As the year 1894 is now drawing to a close we would respectfully ask the many delinquents **to send in their subscriptions**, that we may close our books for the year with a clean bill.